

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2017

Final Approved: July 28, 2017

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was noticed and agenda posted on, Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Dr. Phillip Griffin, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. on Friday, July 7, 2017 at **Children’s Hospital, 935 Calhoun Street, 1st Floor Meeting Room, New Orleans, LA 70118**. Present were Board Members, Drs. Phillip Griffin, Koren Boggs, Jesse Lambert, Amy Henke; and, Executive Director, Jaime T. Monic. Dr. Darla Burnett was absent.

Dr. Griffin opened the meeting by reading the Board’s Declaration of Purpose.

Dr. Boggs moved to approve the agenda for the day. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Burnett - YEA, Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Henke moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1, to review complaints and discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Griffin - YEA, Boggs- YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

Dr. Lambert moved to close executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

COMPLAINT REVIEWS: - The following cases were reviewed by the Board in executive session and in consultation with Attorney Amy Groves Lowe:

1. **P15-16-03C** – The Board thoroughly discussed this matter and the Order from the 19th Judicial District Court in *Eric Cerwonka vs. LSBEP*, which Order remanded the matter back to the Board for rehearing. With consideration being given to the costs of a new hearing as well as the Administrative Procedures and other statutorily supported procedures followed by LSBEP staff, after discussion and in consultation with Attorney Amy Groves Lowe, by motion of Dr. Boggs, the Board voted unanimously to appeal the decision of the 19th JDC by roll call vote of the members present as follows: Griffin – YEA, Boggs - YEA, Lambert – YEA, Henke - YEA.

PERSONNEL MATTERS: - The Board reviewed and discussed applicant qualifications for prosecuting attorney. The Board reviewed and discussed layoffs. The Board reviewed and discussed qualifications and affirmed the current list of evaluators as approved to perform psychological/neuropsychological evaluations/fitness for duty examinations under LA R.S. Ch. 37 §§ 2356, 2356.1, 2356.2, and 2356.3:

Kevin J. Bianchini, PhD, Megan Ciota, PhD, Kevin W. Greve, PhD, Kirsten W. Schwehm, PhD, Lauren Woodruff Rasmussen, PsyD, Fernando Pastrana, Ph.D. Brian J. Copeland, M.D.; Michael Chafetz, Ph.D. Darlene Nemeth, Ph.D., M.P., Karlos Kronberger, Ph.D., Ken Roy, M.D., Arwen Podesta, M.D.

Further, the Board discussed soliciting psychologists, psychiatrists and other health professionals/groups interested in performing evaluations (including psychological, neuropsychological, drug/alcohol addiction, or other physical impairment) to determine fitness for practice as a psychologist.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. **Prosecuting Attorney Contract 2017-18** – The Board reviewed proposals for a contract for prosecuting attorney for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year due to the current financial status of the Board. Dr. Henke reported receiving proposals and vitas from three well qualified prosecuting attorneys. By motion of Dr. Henke, the Board voted to award the contract to Attorney Courtney P. Newton beginning July 7, 2017 – June 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000. The fee schedule should reflect the following rate of pay: *\$100 per hour plus travel and expenses that are preapproved in accordance with Policy and Procedure Memo 50.*
2. **Complaints Coordinator II Position 2017-18** – The Board revisited the need to have a second contract for Complaints Coordinator. Dr. Boggs moved to offer a contract not to exceed \$5,000 for an auxiliary Complaints Coordinator to Dr. Joseph Constans for overflow or for matters unable to be handled by Dr. Lambert.
3. **2017-18 Budget Recommendations** - The Board continued discussing its current financial status and outlook. Recognizing that the Board could no longer delay action given the current financial state versus the time it will take to recover and/or further develop revenue sources, Dr. Henke, moved that in addition to the recommendations presented in June 2017, the Board temporarily layoff the Administrative Assistant position. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Eric Cerwonka vs. LSBEP, 19th Judicial District Court Decision** – See Complaint Review Discussion P15-16-03C above.